Scheme has been received recently. (iii) Roads;

1st stage construction of roads i.e. water bound macadam in the available site has been completed.

S.W. Drains:

A revised Scheme is being submitted to the MCD by the DDA.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) DDA has intimated that any temporary arrangement which can later on form part of the permanent arrangement will be acceptable to it and the payment for the same will be honoured by it.

Loss of foodgrains

362, SHRI P. N. SUKUL; SHRI SHIV PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that food-grains worth about 30 crores of rupees were lost during transit and storage by Food Corporation of India during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether the matter has 1 been investigated to find out the rea- sons for such losses;

(c) Weighmnt and counting of FCI during the period from 1964-85 *to* being examined; and

(d) the steps being taken to eliminate the factors responsible for such losses in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI Q. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) The details of transit and storage shortages of foodgrains incurred by FCI during the period from 1984-85 to 1986-87 are given below:

Year	Purchase -Sales	Shortage qty.	value
1984-85	295.14	5 72	122.76
1985-86	368.40	5 95	136.12
1986-87	798.96	6 51	151.60

(Qty. in lakh MTs./ value in Rs. crores)

	Percentage of shortage over purchase sales
1984-85	1.94
1985-86	1.62
1986-87	1.63

The transit and storage losses arise due to a variety of reasons, such as vagaries of weather, deterioration in quality during storage, moisture loss, losses due to multiple handling and movement, etc. or due to theft and pilferage.

The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) has been asked to undertake a cost audit of FCI's operations.

(A) The Food Corporation of India has taken a number of steps to reduce losses on account of storage and transit shortages. Important measures taken in this regard are:

(a) Procurement of foodgrains within the specifications:

(b) Reduction in the quantum of filling in each bag;

(c) Weighment and counting of bags and installation of weigh bridges in depots having capacity of 5000 tonnes or more;

(d) Minimising the use of open wagons;

(e) Administrative measures such as tightening of security, intensifying surprise checks, quality control etc.

(f) Augmentation of covered storage capacity of F.C.I.

Recommendation of the National Com. mission on Urbanisation

363. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: DR. (SHRIMATI SAROJINI MAHISHI;

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) A copy of the principal recom-dations of the National Commission on Urbanisation and whether they have been accepted by Government;

(b) whether Government propose to consider amending Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 to encourage housing for lower and middle income-groups;

(c) whether the Housing Policy would be suitably modified in view of the Commission's recommendation; and

(d) which are the urban centres which have been identified by the Commission for 'recjuiriing priority in development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): .(a) A copy of the principal recommendations made by the National Commission on Urbanisation is enclosed *vide* Statement-I. *[See* Appendix, CXLVIII Annexure No. 14]. These are being processed in consulation with Central Ministries/Departments as well as State Governments/UTs. Admn.

(b) The question of amending Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, '1973 is under consideration of the Government.

(c) No changes are presently contemplated as the National Housing Policy has been submitted to Parlia ment for debate. Question of amend ment thereto would arise depending on the deliberations in Parliament and detailed examination of the Commis sion's 'recommendations.

(d) The Commission has identified urban centres requiring priority for development at the National, State and Regional levels. A list of such cities is enclosed vide Statements II, III and IV. [See Appendix CXLVIH, Annexure No, 15].

364. *[Transferred to the 16th Nov-ember,* 1988]

Permanent residential complexes for the Prime Minister and Vice-President

365. DR RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT bo pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert working group of the Ministry has recommen ded that new permament residential complexes be created for the Prime Minister and the Vice-President; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this ; regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Working Group has recom mended construction of permanent residential complexes for the Prime Minister on the focal point of Rajaji Marg and the Vice-President on the corner of Thyagaraja Marg and the realigned Kushak Road in the bungIow area south of Rajpath.